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Color Country to lift fire restrictions in southwest Utah, Arizona Strip Friday

St. George, Utah – Color Country Fire Management officials will lift the fire restrictions in southwestern Utah and the Arizona Strip beginning Friday, Aug. 20 at 12:01 a.m.

Recent rainfall and lower temperatures in southwestern Utah and on the Arizona Strip have reduced the risk of wildland fires enough to allow the restrictions to be rescinded.

In Utah this includes restrictions against campfires and smoking in all of Washington, Kane, Garfield and Iron counties, and Beaver County west of I-15. This includes fire restrictions in Zion and Bryce Canyon national parks and the Dixie National Forest.

In Arizona this includes restrictions on campfires and smoking on all BLM-administered lands on the Arizona Strip, including the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument and the Vermilion Cliffs National Monument. It also includes the National Park Service administered lands in the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument.

“Even though the fire danger has decreased, there is still potential for fire activity,” said BLM Arizona Strip Field Manager Roger Taylor. “We are continuing to urge people to be extremely careful with fire.”

“We want to thank everybody for their diligence during fire restrictions,” said Dixie National Forest Supervisor Bob Russell. “None of the large fires we have had to date this year have been human-caused.”

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